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Hotel Reservations:

CDLA has arranged a limited number of rooms at the Hyatt Regency Monterey at a significantly discounted rate (\$275/night!). Reservations must be made by Thursday, July 30, 2026, to receive this reduced rate. Your confirmation email will contain a direct hotel link and a designated telephone number for hotel registration.



MCLE: 9 credit hours including 1 credit hour in Technology & 1 credit hour in Ethics

Conference Schedule: Friday, August 7, 2026

- 1:00 - 1:10 p.m. Welcome from President Richard Middlebrook
- 1:10 - 2:10 p.m. Elizabeth Little: Opening Keynote
High-Profile Trial to Everyday Practice: Strategies from the Karen Read Case
- 2:10 - 3:10 p.m. DMV Litigation Update: Key Appellate Rulings Every DUI Lawyer Should Know - Richard Middlebrook
- 3:10 - 3:30 p.m. Break
- 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. SFSTs in Action: Insights from the Expert - Anthony Palacios
- 4:30 - 5:00 p.m. Sponsor Presentations & Raffles - Phillip Crawford
- 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Networking Reception

Conference Schedule: Saturday, August 8, 2026

- 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:30 - 8:40 a.m. Welcome from CDLA Vice President Lara Gressley
- 8:40 - 9:40 a.m. DUI Case Law Update: One Battle After Another - Al Menaster (virtual)
- 9:40 - 10:40 a.m. Finding the Flaws: Toxicology Errors and How to Expose Them - Aaron Olson
- 10:40 - 11:00 a.m. Break
- 11:00 - 12:00 p.m. Using AI to Streamline Your DUI Practice - Patrick Kolasinski & Lara Gressley
- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Awards Luncheon & Annual Meeting - Richard Middlebrook
- 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. AI in DUI Defense: Ethical Boundaries and Best Practices - Lara Gressley & Patrick Kolasinski
- 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Defending Professional Licenses in California: Crossover Cases Involving Drug & Alcohol Issues - Lucy McAllister
- 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Winning the Unwinnable DUI: Impeaching Officer Credibility in Court - Bubba Head
- 4:00 - 4:15 p.m. End of Conference Raffles - Philip Crawford

Conference Registration

CDLA is offering a 10% discount for registrations on or before July 11, 2026. Use this link to register yourself - and any of your guests:

<https://www.californiaduilawyers.org/2026-annual-conference>

CATEGORY	5/4/26 to 7/10/26 (10% early registration discount)	7/11/26 to 8/8/26
CDLA (non-PD) Member Rate	\$390	\$430
CDLA PD Member Rate	\$220	\$240
Non-Member/non-PD Rate	\$455	\$500
Non-Member PD Rate	\$290	\$320
All California Counties		
Public Defender Rate:	\$220	\$240